

DOC Newsline

Two DOC Facilities Break Ground on New Chapels



New chapels will soon be rising at two more DOC institutions. The Louisiana Correctional Center for Women broke ground on its chapel in late January. Just over a month later, the shovels came out at Winn Correctional Center. And soon, DCI will break ground on its chapel. Below is a summary of the Winn groundbreaking ceremony by Chaplain Randy Olliff.

A crowd of more than fifty people gathered on sunny February morning (February 27th) to witness something a long time in the making – a groundbreaking ceremony for a chapel at Winn Correctional Center. Warden Tim Wilkinson opened the ceremony by welcoming everyone to the event and recognizing special guests. Charles Mayers, a volunteer at Winn then proceeded to open with prayer. Mary Harris, Records Supervisor and volunteer at Winn began the program with a song.

DPS&C Secretary Richard Stalder explained how these chapels will bring hope to the men (and women) who will attend the different services. He added that those who decide to find God in their lives can change their lives for the better.

Mr. Richard Johnson, Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation President credited Sara Simmonds for her efforts at seeing a chapel built at Winn. Simmonds expressed her excitement to the crowd about what the chapel at Winn means to her.

Winn's Chaplain, Randy Olliff, spoke briefly about what the building will symbolize to all who see and utilize it. Chaplain Olliff and his volunteers know that the "Church" is already there in the prison. And although the "Church" is alive and well, the actual structure will embolden the already strong spirit that exists there. The chapel will be a place where God will be found, a place for help, a place where hearts can change, a place for encouragement, a place to find strength, peace, hope and faith. The ceremony concluded with Inmate Leander Gallett, an Angola inmate missionary, closing out with prayer.



L to R: Charles Mayers, Chaplain Randy Olliff, Warden Venetia Michael, Richard Johnson, Warden Tim Wilkinson, Sara Simmonds, Secretary Stalder, Warden James LeBlanc

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WCI Celebrates Miller's Contributions



Thrift and inmate rehabilitation were the goals of Warden James Miller when he accepted the top post at Washington Correctional Institute over four years ago. His legacy as a penny-pinching, decisive problem solver and innovative program expander was celebrated by Washington Correctional Institute as his retirement date of April 7 approaches.

Speeches, plaques, gifts and even a few tears marked the occasion. After 30 years in corrections, the last four as warden at WCI, Miller gave up the badge, which was returned to him on a plaque alongside a key to the institution.

"He was an unknown quantity when he came," Acting Deputy Warden Keith Bickham said. "We soon learned he knew his stuff, up to and including how to pinch a penny 'til it screamed."

Miller was lauded not only for his frugality, but also

for his innovation and his leadership following Katrina, the storm of the century that passed over WCI.

"He's been an example we all should follow," Senator Ben Nevers said. "In our recent disasters, Katrina and Rita, Warden Miller was in the forefront. It's going to be difficult to fill those shoes."

"I came to have a deep respect for Warden Miller," added Department of Corrections Deputy Secretary Jannitta Antoine. "He speaks out, not only for you (the employees), but for the inmates. He is a very compassionate man."

Miller's compassion was evident as he spoke in a choked voice about his years at WCI, while unshed tears accumulated in the corners of his eyes.

"When I came, there was apprehension on their part and on my part," he said. "That (moving to WCI) was probably one of the best things I ever did. It really invigorated me."

Miller thanked former warden Ed Day for giving him a chance to prove himself. He noted that he accomplished the goals he set for himself: an increase in the number of inmates participating in sex abuse classes, an expansion of the educational opportunities at the institution, and payment of the long-accumulated compensatory-time debit.

"It was easy to step in here," current Acting Warden Jim Rogers said, "He had done so much."

DOC salutes Warden Miller for his vision and service and wishes him the best in his retirement!

- Information submitted by Andi Cook, Washington Correctional Institute

Helen Shaw, Accountant 3, retired March 31, 2006. She was employed at DOC Headquarters in Accounting Services since March, 2003. Prior to moving to headquarters, she was employed at Hunt Correctional for 4 years. She has been an exceptional employee and co-worker and we will surely miss her.

- Information submitted by Renee Withers, HQ

Natchitoches District Administrator Judy Wester (left) and NAD PO Kelly Lawrence participate in Northwestern State University's Criminal Justice Job Fair on March 14, 2006. They spoke with many students who visited their booth about adult probation and parole career opportunities.



Mon Dieu, Jacques! 43 Years !!!

After 43 years of state service, nearly all of those with Probation and Parole, Jacques R. Coriel, Jr. officially retired from the Department of Corrections on January 31, 2006. Employees of the Ville Platte District Office and Region 2 hosted a retirement party for Jacques on January 27. Friends, family and fellow state employees all turned out to bid "adieu" to Jacques.

Jacques began working in state government in November 1963 and started his career as a Probation Officer in July 1966. He was promoted to Ville Platte District Administrator in September 1978. Jacques climbed the managerial ladder again in 1987 to the position of Regional Director, which he held until his retirement.

During his career, Jacques has received deserving recognition for his contributions to the field of criminal justice. He was awarded the Corrections Commendation Award in 1980 for establishing a new probation and parole district in Ville Platte while securing rent free space in public offices, resulting in a savings of thousands of dollars.

Jacques has been affiliated with several professional organizations – most notably Southern States Correctional Association (SSCA). He joined SSCA in 1971, serving as Louisiana's State Representative for many years. He became an officer in 1989. The SSCA bestowed the David H. Williams Award to Jacques in recognition of his many contributions to the organization.

Jacques' enthusiasm, dedication and devotion have been infectious to all he encounters. DOC thanks Jacques for his service (not to mention his staying power) and wishes him the best in his retirement!

- Information Submitted by Jo Ann Peshoff, PCC Assistant Warden

Martin, Horton are 2005 DUNBAR Recipients

Two DOC employees have received the 2005 Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Career Services Award presented annually by the Louisiana Civil Service League. During a ceremony April 4, 2006 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, Judy Martin, HQ Business Office Administrative Manager and Helen Horton, EHCC Corrections Food Manager 5 proudly represented the Department and picked up their Dunbar awards, which are presented to Civil Service employees who distinguish themselves through unselfish service to the citizens of Louisiana.

Included in **Judy Martin's** many accomplishments is the implementation of a statewide grants workshop, which many DOC employees are familiar with. Judy has also introduced departmental websites for grants and administrative procedures as well as supported her staff in the development of a grants reference manual now used throughout the Department.

This proud civil servant obtained her Certified Public Manager designation in 1994 and is an active member of the Society of Certified Public Managers. Judy has always communicated trust and confidence to her staff and gives them motivation to maximize their potential.

Judy plans to retire in August after 33 years of service to enjoy more time with her family (especially those grandchildren) and to pursue her hobby of photography. (Judy made the front page of *The Livingston Parish News* on



April 2, 2006.)

With 26 years of service to the Department, **Helen Horton** has worked all these years to ensure that the thousands of inmates who have come through Elayn Hunt Correctional Center were provided with balanced and nutritional meals, all the while keeping food costs at a record low.

No one can remember a time where her skills were more needed than during Hurricane Katrina when EHCC was host to thousands of extra evacuee inmates. With EHCC being the first stop for most of the 8,500 inmates, Ms. Horton demonstrated her expertise and adaptability by ensuring each was adequately fed as he arrived. Additionally, over the next five months, she made sure the kitchens were able to serve as many as 1200 extra meals per day.

To say that Ms. Horton is a big supporter of United Way would be an understatement. When EHCC employees needed a little encouragement to make annual donations to the United Way Campaign, she gave employees a little thank you, which turned out to be her famous "Big House" cookies. A hit with the staff, those cookies have helped raise more than \$353,000 since 1999.

Our hats are off to Judy and Helen for their extraordinary service to the state of Louisiana and DOC in particular.

- Information submitted by Christy Ball, HQ and Darryl Campbell, EHCC



ACA Accreditation News

Congratulations to three DOC entities for maintaining ACA accreditation. Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center and Probation and Parole – Headquarters were all officially granted accreditation during the ACA Winter Conference held in late January in Nashville, TN.

Best of luck to Forcht Wade Correctional Center which has an upcoming reaccreditation audit for its Boot Camp/IMPACT program on April 24 and 25 and to Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center which has its initial ACA audit scheduled May 1 – 3.

- Information submitted by Connie Geter, EHCC

Bottles, cups and bowls were on display as part of "Angola Archaeology: 70 Years of Legend, Science and Reality." The symposium brought together archaeologists from various organizations, including LSU and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who discussed significant archaeological sites and projects that have taken place at Angola since the 1930's.



Hurricanes Leave Behind More Work

Baton Rouge District Administrator Phyllis Sheridan and her supervisors treated the entire staff of BRD to a pizza lunch on March 31st in recognition and appreciation of everyone's hard work to maintain supervision standards despite the increased workload due to the hurricanes. In addition, agents have worked diligently to improve collections, producing dramatic results. CiCi's Pizza catered the event and the manager expressed his gratitude for the presence of Probation and Parole in the community.

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Graduation Ceremonies Held at 3 DOC Institutions

DCI Doubles GEDs in 2005

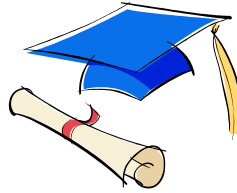
Visitors entering DCI on February 1, 2006 were all smiles – that's because the inmates they came to see were being recognized for their positive achievements. 101 DCI inmates earned GEDs in 2005 – double the number from 2004.

Warden James M. LeBlanc addressed those in attendance to pause in honor of both Coretta Scott King (who passed the previous day) and the men and women serving our country.

After thanking the Education Department staff, tutors and family for their outstanding service and support of the inmates, Warden LeBlanc introduced guest speaker Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish Kip Holden. Mayor Holden expressed appreciation to the inmates for showing "that they are not too proud to say that they need help and want to make a difference" and he shared his own personal struggles which had brought him to this point in his life.

Congratulations to DCI administration, staff and correctional officers for providing the motivation to get more and more inmates the educational tools they need to succeed.

- Information submitted by Kathleen Patterson, DCI



Avoyelles Correctional Center held graduation ceremonies on March 24, 2006. 68 AVC inmates received certificates for GED and Vo-Tech classes. Dr. Paula Montgomery from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was guest speaker. There was an abundance of family support for the graduates and Dr. Montgomery gave a very inspiring speech.

— Info submitted by Myrna Cooper, AVC



Some of the 101 DCI GED graduates for 2005. During the ceremony, graduates marched in procession wearing dark green caps and gowns as inmate Andrew Mitchell played the traditional graduation theme, "Pomp and Circumstance" on the keyboard.



Graduates turn their tassels during David Wade Correctional Center's 62nd annual graduation ceremony held March 17th. There were 12 GED graduates and 35 Vo-tech grads.

NID Officers Recognized for Volunteer Efforts

While DOC is proud of the efforts of our institutions and Probation and Parole to push educational initiatives for the state's inmates, there are many employees out there practicing "preventive maintenance" as well.

Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana, Arlene Armentor-Bonner, recently lauded the efforts of two DPS&C employees. Probation and Parole Supervisor Angela Blanchard has served on the Iberia Boys and Girls Club Board of Managers since 2003, serving as Board President from 2004 – 2005. Blanchard helped the board secure \$35,000 in funding for local crime prevention initiatives.

Blanchard is stepping down as President of the Board of Managers but will remain very active advocating for the clubs and children. Stepping in to replace her as Board President is Brudley Kibodeaux, another NID Officer who has volunteered countless hours of his personal time and energy to support area children and programs.

Says Armentor-Bonner to Secretary Stalder: "I want to personally express my sincere appreciation to you and the Department...for encouraging these employees in their volunteer service. Board volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization – dedicated and committed individuals like Angela and Brudley are critical to our continued success in creating daily opportunities for young people to learn to make positive, healthy choices that help them grow into contributing adults in our communities."

- Information submitted by Michael Durand, District Administrator

High Risk Warrant Training



Four Covington District Probation and Parole agents recently attended a Regional Counter-Drug Training Academy (RCTA) course on the planning stages of executing high risk warrants. In the photo above, officers prepare for a training exercise. RCTA provides training to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, including National Guardsmen involved in counterdrug support missions. Agents attending the training were Justin Allen, David Boe, Lindy Lousteau and Letitia Moore. (info submitted by Felix Indest, CVD District Administrator)

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ACA Recognizes Department's Sex Offender Treatment Program

The Department was recently awarded the American Correctional Association's prestigious 2006 Exemplary Offender Program at the ACA Winter Conference. Each year, the ACA formally recognizes an outstanding correctional program that demonstrates successful outcome measures, which address problems encountered by offenders and reduce recidivism (among other criteria).

The Department submitted its Sex Offender Treatment Program, piloted six years ago at David Wade Correctional Center and now standardized statewide.

Approximately 3,000 sex offenders in the Department's custody (institutions and under supervision) participate in this treatment program that utilizes risk assessment identification, monitoring and surveillance.

Most impressive about the Department's Sex Offender Treatment Program is the rate of recidivism – 2.5% compared to a national sex offender recidivism rate of between 6 –15%.

The program is based on Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and additional clinical topics include

victim empathy, identification of an individual profile indicating specific risk factors pertaining to the individual offender, identifying and confronting cognitive distortions, managing deviant sexual thoughts, introduction to alternative behaviors and relapse prevention. Dr. Eric Cohen, an independent consultant, authored the program. Dr. Susan Tucker of Forcht Wade Correctional Center directs the program.

- Information submitted by Cathy Fontenot, LSP

AVC's Common Sense Approach Helps Inmates "Make the Right Choices"

By: Gary Gremillion, AVC

During my thirty plus years in Corrections, DOC inmates in Louisiana have historically been rewarded with good jobs, work release, honor status and the like simply through an absence of negative behavior, or what is commonly known as the "ninety days without a write up" rule. While this "rule" certainly encourages and rewards good behavior, it does little to promote inmate participation in programs to help meet identified needs.

Because of this, Avoyelles Correctional Center has adopted a new philosophy which requires inmates with identified needs to take advantage of available programming as a pre-requisite to being considered for honor housing, trusty status, work release, preferred jobs, etc. An education process for inmates began and, even though inmates initially resisted our efforts to get

them to participate, the grumbling soon subsided.

When the new philosophy was first developed, it was generally agreed that inmates who were already classified into choice jobs or programs would be "grandfathered" and not be strongly encouraged to participate in the programs and services designed to meet their needs. But a phone call from the father of a child molestation victim gave me pause. The caller found out that the AVC inmate who molested his son was working as a librarian and he was upset that that job could hardly be considered "hard labor." After much consideration, I convinced myself that our position was solid.

However, I realized that there was another, much more poignant question he could have asked. "Has the inmate received any treatment for his problem?" The answer was no. In fact, he had rejected several

opportunities. It was then that Warden Cooper and I discussed and agreed that this was simply not acceptable and our decision to "grandfather" such inmates was rescinded. Classification and treatment staff ran a check of sex offenders holding down "okey dokey" jobs without participating in the sex offender treatment program. 15 inmates fell into that category. They were given a month to get involved in treatment and after much sulking, complaining and proclaiming their innocence, I am happy to report that 14 of the 15 inmates are now in treatment and we all feel considerably better about the jobs they have.

AVC has is now applying this same philosophy to inmates in preferred jobs who have unmet substance abuse and/or educational needs, and they too will be offered the same choices. Our expectations and hopes are that this too will lead to more inmates making the "right choices."

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Valentines for Vets



Warden James LeBlanc reads the proclamation to the audience while Col. Bruce Coston holds the framed document.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2006 (Valentine's Day), residents of the Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jackson were honored for service to their country by members of the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs, the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections – Headquarters, Dixon Correctional Institute and DCI's Incarcerated Vets.

Secretary Richard Stalder, Deputy Secretary Jannitta Antoine and DCI Warden James LeBlanc were among many representing the Department. "We're not guests of honor, you are," explained Secretary Stalder upon addressing the group.

Warden LeBlanc, who served in Vietnam, introduced Col. Bruce Coston, the sponsor of DCI's Incarcerated Vets, who presented a framed proclamation to the residents, signed by Coston and 27 members of DCI's Incarcerated Vets. (Here's part of the proclamation.)

...We thank you for the sacrifices you have made to fight for the rights and freedom of the American people.

We honor you as Heroes for the Bravery and Valor you demonstrated in the face of those who would destroy this great

Nation....

We, the undersigned, have not forgotten you. We honor you and thank you for your dedication and service to the United States of America.

"America, the Beautiful" closed out the program as DOC staff distributed goodie bags (made by HQ Staff) and red caps to the residents.

- Information submitted by Kathleen Patterson, DCI

DOC Raises Money For 2006 Heart Walk

Organizers for the American Heart Association's 2006 Heart Walk could not have picked a better day than Saturday, March 25th to hold the group's annual fundraiser. Cool temperatures (but not too cold) and sunny skies greeted walkers and runners, dozens of them representing the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The walk was held on the LSU campus.

Teams of volunteers from Headquarters, Institutions and Probation and Parole raised money and sold t-shirts for the event. We will update the total collected for the Heart Walk in the May DOC Newsline. Thanks to all those who raised money, donated money and/or turned out for the walk. Thanks also to EHCC's IMPACT class who helped with set up and clean up for the event.

Jared, the Subway guy, gets everyone's attention as the walk is about to get underway.



Participants in the 2006 AHA Heart Walk are all smiles at the beginning of the 3-mile walk.



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 23 – 29)

Thoughts by Jean Wall, Crime Victims Service Coordinator

What's with this annual observance of victims' rights? We're "the inmate people," not "the crime victim people." That's for MADD and Victims and Citizens Against Crime and the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, and for District Attorneys.

Our Mission Statement says we "provide for the custody, control, care, and treatment of adjudicated offenders through enforcement of laws and management of programs designed to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and inmates and to reintegrate offenders into society." But you know what? Those words surely include crime victims.

At the most obvious level, crime victims are part of the public we profess to serve. Further, they are that part of the public from which the category "inmate" derives. If the person we now identify as "inmate," or "offender," had not first injured another individual or a group of individuals (e.g., our children to whom he sold drugs), he—or she—would not be an inmate. So crime victims are part of the public, in an unfortunately unique way.

Over the last 10-15 years, inmate records staff have taken on and taken seriously the task of notifying registered victims of release and other key events involving the inmate's incarceration. Well before that and still, probation and parole officers have interviewed crime victims or their survivors for presentence and other reports, supported victims as they seek monetary restitution, and provided information about pending parole hearings. Staff in the Secretary's Office answer the toll-free victim line and painstakingly enter and process victim registrations. Designated staff in wardens' offices and in classification take calls from victims and try to listen with kindness and compassion while still communicating the hard realities linked to good time credit, inmate work assignments, and behavior management programming.

Other services to victims are sometimes less obvious. Line correctional staff and correctional supervisors create an orderly space where offenders are separated from the larger society. This enables some crime victims to feel safe, indeed to be safe - at least for a period of time. Other staff teach skills directly

and communicate values that encourage and enable inmates to make positive changes. At our best, all of us model the behaviors we want inmates to consider and adopt. So, "inmate people"? Yes. But "crime victim people" too. And God bless us everyone!

From the thousands of registered victims and the thousands who choose not to register or who don't know they can, thanks for helping to make the world feel safer and - to the degree we are successful in helping offenders change behavior - actually be safer. Think about that off and on, not just in April but all during the year.

****Editor's Note:** Many institutions and Probation and Parole Districts are planning events for National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Please send information (pictures, too) on your event for the May newsletter.

DWCC Credit Union

Mark your calendars for the grand opening of the David Wade Correctional Center Credit Union on Friday, April 28th (a payday no less!)



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Tickets are still available for the 6th Annual Angola Prison Spring Rodeo/ Arts and Craft Festival on Saturday and Sunday April 22nd and 23rd, 2006. Fans of the "Wildest Show in the South" as well as newcomers to the event will not be disappointed. This year, more unique and affordable inmate arts and crafts will be available. You name it, we got it.


All seats are \$10 and rodeo proceeds promote faith-based initiatives and have enabled LSP to provide chapels to the inmate population.


Call for tickets: 225-655-2030 or 225-655-2607 Monday through Friday


Holiday Fun: The staff at WBRD had a busy February as they took time out to celebrate both Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras with residents of Port City Enterprises. The Mardi Gras celebration came complete with beads, music and king cake.




Honorable Mentions


 Congratulations to **Pearl Wise** of the Monroe Probation and Parole District Office. Pearl was selected by Special Olympics Louisiana as the recipient of the Law Enforcement Torch Run "Above and Beyond" Award. She will be honored at the SOLA "Spirit of Special Olympics" Awards Banquet in September. DOC is extremely proud of Pearl's work with Special Olympics.

 Officer 3 **Lindy Lousteau and others at CVD** are planning the 2nd Annual Blue Knights Chapter 3 Bike Show. Last year, \$3500 was raised for Happy Trails, a therapeutic non-profit that helps kids with disabilities. Members at CVD include Lousteau, Mike Phelps, Justin Allen, Robin Spencer, Mike Breland, David Boe, Ed Dieck and James Dillon. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Lindy Lousteau at CVD.

 **Avoyelles Correctional Center** honored staff for Social Worker Month and Business Office Staff Month. Employees were treated to delicious homemade strawberry cake.


 MOD District Administrator **Arlena Zeigler** and Office Man-

ager **Jerry Hemphill** were "shadowed" by student Maison Green from Wossman High School in Monroe. As part of the Jobs for America's Graduates – Louisiana, Maison expressed a desire to work in Probation and Parole in the future. We hope to see Maison around after college.

 **Elayn Hunt Correctional Center** celebrated Black History Month during a February, 20th program, which included music, speeches, skits and an address by keynote speaker Rev. Raymond Jetson. Warden Hubert also recognized the contributions of two recently deceased civil rights pioneers, Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Mrs. Rosa Parks.

 Congratulations to **MOD's Tillman Givens and his daughter Chrissy Givens**, who happens to be the Sunbelt Conference's Most Valuable Player of the Year in women's basketball. The honors don't stop there though. The Junior Guard from Middle Tennessee State was also named the conference's Defensive Player of the year and Second Team Academic All American with a 3.87 GPA. On March 27th, MTSU

named Chrissy "Student Athlete of the Year." What a memorable year!

 HQ's Carolyn Schexnayder reminds us that **March was National Purchasing Month** so if we didn't say a special "thanks" to our hard-working employees who handle purchasing for the Department, now would be a good time to do it.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUND-RAISING NEWS

The **Northeast Area of the Louisiana Law Enforcement Torch Run** (covering parishes of East and West Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Ouachita, Caldwell and Franklin) is sponsoring a **Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament** with all proceeds benefiting Special Olympics of Louisiana. The tournament is Saturday, April 22nd at the Bastrop Municipal Center. Registration starts at 3:00 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 6:00 p.m. To pre-register, call Tiffany at 1-800-345-6644 or visit www.nelaso.org for more information. MOD's Pearl Wise reminds us that Bastrop is a beautiful town to speak the weekend for such a great cause!

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Heavy Metal Needed



J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center has come a long way from a 250-inmate capacity in 1978 to a present day capacity of 500. Soon that number will grow to 580 as the new dormitory is slated for completion later this year. Construction of the dorm will be a joint endeavor between the Louisiana National Guard at Camp Beauregard and JLDCC. While LANG will provide equipment

and professional expertise in areas, JLDCC will provide the labor and training opportunities for the inmate population.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita put construction on the back burner for a few months but that will soon change with the actual metal for the building being delivered by the end of March 2006.

The staff and inmates are looking to the future with much excitement and enthusiasm as positive changes continue to happen at JLDCC.

- Information submitted by Casey Morace, JLDCC IT Support

Headquarters Service Pin Recipients

35 Years

Cheryl Dees

30 Years

Secretary Richard Stalder

Jean Wall

Cortland Warner

Ronald Granier

25 Years

Denise Cazes

Betty Williams

Peggy Cotton

Clara Cooper

20 Years

Karen Burch

Lee Anne David

Debra Breaux

15 Years

Brian Bailey

Angela Tauzin

10 Years

Renee Withers

Glynn Stassi

Marvel Adams

Undersecretary Trey Boudreaux

DOC HQ Awards Ceremony



Pictured at left: Lee Jennings, Supervisor of the Year; Dedrea Gautier, Support Employee of the Year; and Tom Riker, Secretary's Award of Excellence winner were all honored, along with others, during a Headquarters' ceremony on March 20, 2006.

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Employee Awards

ALC

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Kyle Klein

Employee of the Month (February
2006):
Kayla Chapman

Supervisor of the Month (February
2006):
Lt. Harlon Fontenot

PCC

Institutional Correctional Officer of the
1st Quarter, 2006:
M/Sgt. Ethyl Burgess

Institutional Support Employee of the 1st
Quarter, 2006:
Janette Cole

Institutional Supervisor of the 1st Quar-
ter, 2006:
Captain Dennis Cloud

EHCC

Supervisor of the Month (February
2006):
Denise Harrison

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Master Sgt. Nannie Spurlock

Support Employee of the Month
(February 2006):
Yvette Crawford

Supervisor of the Month (March 2006):
Major Troy Grimes

Correctional Officer of the Month
(March 2006):
Sergeant Shalen Mizell

Support Employee of the Month (March
2006):
Robert Vehock

FWCC

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):

Sgt. Barbara Currey

Correctional Officer of the Month
(March 2006):
Sgt. Johnny Wright

Support Employee of the 1st Quarter,
2006:
William Palmer

SHRC

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Eddie Newton

DCI

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Rosa Lumpkin

Correctional Officer of the Month
(March 2006):
Master Sergeant Kenny Sanders

LDCC

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Dale Hood

LSP

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Master Sgt. Edna Brown

WNC

Employee of the Month (January 2006):
Recreational Supervisor Anthony
Robertson

Employee of the Month (February
2006):
Vocational Instructor Tim Canerday

Employee of the Month (March 2006):
Administrative Clerk Rachel Rials

DWCC

Correctional Officer of the Month
(January 2006):
Sgt. Connie Gray

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Timothy Williams

WCI

Correctional Officer of the Month
(January 2006):
Sgt. Master George Cowart

Correctional Officer of the Month
(February 2006):
Sgt. Brian Brumfield

PNP

Kelly Lawrence receives his 10 year
service pin from NAD District

Officer of the year, Region 1:
David Bahn

HR Corner

Decision 2006 is underway. Each and every DOC employee should take time out to attend informational seminars by the Office of Group Benefits. Nearly all insurance premiums are increasing and you need to know as much as possible about financial and coverage changes to make the best decision for you and your family. Contact your HR office for the date of your Open Enrollment informational meeting.

Key Dates:

April 1st – Annual Enrollment begins

April 30th (or before) – Deadline for health enrollment forms submission to HR (check with your office on the date)

May 19th – Deadline for Flexible Benefit forms to HR Department (Active Employees only)

July 1st – New benefit plan year begins